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## Something More About Gus Heningburg...

- Born in Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, raised in Durham, North Carolina. Moved to New York City at age 14 (1944); went to George Washington H.S. briefly; moved to St. Albans, New York and graduated from Jamaica High School in 1946 at the age of 16.
- Went to Hampton Institute on athletic and academic scholarship; chemistry major, math minor. Varsity athlete. Two years MVP and captain of basketball team. Graduated 1950 at age 19. Immediately called to active duty with U.S. Army. Served seven years in Counter Intelligence Corps. Resigned as captain in 1957.
- Only 2nd African-American certified basketball referee in State of New Jersey. Trained several others, some of whom are now active NBA refs.
- Assisted in the negotiated settlement of Rahway prison rebellion (6 months after Attica), with no loss of life. Warden held hostage and injured, but no deaths.
- Negotiated settlement of nation's longest public housing rent strike at Stella Wright Homes in Newark (1974). Settlement gave tenants control of project.
- Founder, chairman of Newark Construction Trades Training Corporation (NCTTC) which trained and placed hundreds of Newark minorities in every trade in the construction industry.
- Founder of New Jersey Tennis & Sports Foundation, founded to support Ashe/Bollettieri tennis program in Newark. At the request of Mayor, built 4 court indoor tennis facility in Central Ward for the program.
- Chaired mayoral transition offices between Hugh Addonizio and Ken Gibson in 1970; chaired transition between Ken Gibson and Sharpe James in 1986.
- 1990 marked the 20th year of serving as host of WNBC-TV's award winning public affairs program, *Positively Black*.

- o Recipient of hundreds of awards, including first *Alice Paul Humanitarian Award*, considered highest honor State of New Jersey can bestow on a civilian.
- o Former trustee of three colleges; honorary doctorates from three others.
- o Single parent.
- o Active motorcyclist, horseman, sailor, tennis player.
- o Appointed Special Master over the Newark Housing Authority to resolve 4 year law suit and facilitate construction and renovation of low income housing by Federal Judge Dickinson Debevoise (1993).
- o 1994 marked the 14th Anniversary of *Heningsburg Associates, Inc.*